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## THE CONTEST AT ALBANY.

BALLOTTING WITHOUT RESULT.  
CONFERENCE HELD BY THE ADMINISTRATION MEN,  
THE CONKLING FOLLOWERS AND THE INDEPENDENT  
REPUBLICANS—NO RESULTS OBTAINED—  
THE QUESTION OF ADJOURNMENT.

Two ballots were taken yesterday in the Joint Convention. The Conkling men tried to defeat the taking of the second ballot. Mr. Potter, of Saratoga County, proposed the adjournment of the Convention to Saratoga. Lieutenant-Governor Hosking ruled the resolution out of order. The Independent Republicans held a conference in the afternoon; only thirteen attended; no agreement was reached. In the evening the Conkling men held a conference, twenty-four being present. Mr. Conkling spoke for about one hour. The conference of the Administration members was well attended, enthusiastic and unanimous in its resolution not to adjourn, and not to vote for either Mr. Conkling or Mr. Platt.

### THREE CONFERENCES.

NO DEFINITE ACTION TAKEN—ADMINISTRATION MEN DETERMINED AND UNANIMOUS—THE CONKLING FACTION UNDECIDED—INDEPENDENTS NON-COMMITAL.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

ALBANY, June 21.—The air of Albany has been full of rumors to-day about combinations through which the contest over the Senatorships is to be settled. Added to these have been statements that speeches of a startling nature would be made at both the Conkling and Administration conferences. These speeches, it was said, would have the effect of causing the substitution of other men for those that are now the leading candidates. All these rumors and statements have an exciting cause, the palpable impatience of members to return to their homes. There is a growing disposition to make a rush in some direction and end the struggle. Such a feeling naturally causes uneasiness to many ambitious men who are eager to elect certain candidates, and who have laboriously built up support for them in the Legislature in the past month. It is felt that in the course of a single ballot by a whirl of votes in one direction the labor of weeks may be lost. Upon all sides, therefore, there has been great pressure to end the struggle.

In the hotels to-night early in the evening members of the Legislature could be seen everywhere talking with their fellows about the situation.

Various plans of compromise were suggested, but none that receive such popular support as to be worth mentioning. There was a great hubbub among the Conkling men over their approaching conference. It was the first that they had held as a body in several weeks, and it was felt that there might be some important action taken about the contest. The Administration men were also somewhat excited, and went off to their conference early in order to be present throughout the proceedings. The only indifferent Republican members of the Legislature were the men who had not committed themselves earnestly to either the Administration or the Conkling forces. These strangers had held a conference of their own in the afternoon and were therefore needless of the excitement of their brethren. This conference was called by Sir Phillips and was attended by men who are not supporting either Mr. Conkling or Mr. Dewey. The following are said to have attended: Beach, Bonars, Carley, Gates, Hamilton, Palmer, Phillips, Root, C. H. Russell, Scott, Tuck, R. M. Tuttle and Young, thirteen men in all. The Conference was utterly futile. Mr. Phillips had summoned it to concert these independent members to the support of Richard Crowley. There was a general refusal to make such an agreement. No agreement could be reached also on any other candidates. After two hours of talk about the difficulties of the situation the conference dissolved without doing anything. It had been the hope of the men who summoned the members who attended it together, that their united support of some stalwart candidate could be secured. One of the men who attended it said afterward in describing the meeting: "We found that we were the tail and could not wag the dog. By and by the tail may be large enough, but it is not so now. Any changes that are made in the situation will have to be made slowly. We actually accomplished nothing."

SMALL GATHERING OF CONKLING MEN.

The conference of Mr. Conkling's supporters to-night dissolved near midnight. It was then learned that only twenty-four members of the Legislature had attended it. After an informal talk for half an hour over the situation word was sent to Mr. Conkling that his presence had been requested. The ex-Senator soon came and addressed his followers for over an hour. In his speech, it is said, he went over his entire struggle with President Garfield and argued that he was deserving of the support of every member of the Legislature. He then declared that the Conkling men held the strongest position and if they would only be patient would come out victorious, as the Administration members were not of a common purpose. In his opinion the Administration men were already getting demoralized. He counseled maintaining a firm front to the Administration members and continuing the struggle as before. In his speech, Mr. Conkling, it is said, in referring to the adjournment question suggested that the adjournment resolutions should not be offered by any of the Conkling men. Listeners to the speech were convinced that Mr. Conkling despises the Legislature to adjourn, perceiving that he cannot be elected. The warning against offering the adjournment resolutions was intended doubtless as a hint to put them into the hands of some of the Adelphians, the men who dare not vote for Mr. Conkling through fear of their constituents, but render him effectual aid by scattering their votes among the minor candidates. By having one of these men offer his resolutions Mr. Conkling hopes to avoid the imputation of having adjourned the Legislature when he saw that the Republican members would not reelect him to the Senate. If, however, a resolution adjourning the Legislature is carried by the votes of Conkling men, the imputation cannot be avoided. There was a resolution prepared for submission to the conference pledging the members to vote for an adjournment of the Legislature, but it was apparent that the Conkling men yet resist the adoption of such a policy, it was decided not to present it. The conference virtually concluded nothing. It was intended to renew the fealty of the Conkling men to their leader. It may accomplish this object for a few days, but there are signs that some of Mr. Conkling's supporters will soon desert him.

ADMINISTRATION MEN FIRM AND UNITED.

The conference of the Administration men was attended by forty-five members. Mr. Chickering offered a resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote pledging all present not to vote for an adjournment of the Legislature until two Republican Senators are elected, to vote always against Mr. Conkling and Mr. Platt, or any other opponent of the National Administration, or to remain in Albany until December 31, if necessary, to elect some Republican candidate. Mr. Raines, a supporter of Ebenezer G. Lapham, and a stalwart, spoke in favor of running to a high point in the list of candidates one Administration and one stalwart candidate. He argued that this would show the Republicans of the State that the Conkling faction were not unwilling to take some person as a Senator from the stalwart wing of the party. Mr. Raines said that the argument had been made by ex-Vice-President Wheeler, that it would be best to run two Administration candidates and then to compromise on one stalwart when the Conkling men had been driven to the compromise. He argued that it was better to run one stalwart strongly for Senator. The administration men would introduce dissension among them. Mr.

Raines' speech was received with considerable favor, but no action was taken upon it.

WORK OF THE CONVENTION.

TWO BALLOTS TAKEN—AN ALLIANCE OF CONKLING MEN AND DEMOCRATS—THE QUESTION OF ADJOURNING TO THE TOWN HALL OF SARATOGA.

(FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.)

ALBANY, June 21.—The leaders of Mr. Conkling's supporters persisted to-day in following the line of policy marked out by their chief. This was to limit the voting each day to one ballot. Speaker Sharpe was especially conspicuous in urging this course to-day. Mr. Finley, one of the Democratic members, having refrained from voting on the question of adjourning after taking one ballot, the Speaker assured him that the pair did not limit votes on such questions. Mr. Finley accordingly voted to adjourn. Mr. McCarthy, another Democrat, who had voted with the Administration men against adjourning, was approached by the Speaker and questioned about his vote. He replied firmly that he had voted against adjourning. The Speaker received the reply good-naturedly and shook his fist in mock anger at Mr. McCarthy. Still it was evident to all on the floor that the Speaker was earnestly opposed to taking more than one ballot, and his action must have swayed some votes, as a Speaker must have considerable influence, even at this period of the session. A session day after day without electing any Senators will gradually predispose members to adjourn without having accomplished this duty.

The fruitless session of to-day was not secured by the Conkling men without a struggle. Despite their resistance the Administration leaders obtained two ballots; and it was only upon their attempting to take a third ballot that they were overcome by the alliance of Conkling men and Democrats.

The motion to adjourn after taking the first ballot was defeated by a vote of 69 votes to 83 noes. The success of the Administration men was partly due to several Democrats voting with them who are eager to get home. Only two Conkling men voted against adjourning—Senators Halbert and Wendover.

The attention of Republican voters is called to the

Republican members in the list given below, who, by voting to adjourn, virtually declare that they are opposed to the election of United Senators by the present method.

ATTY.—Senators—Astor, Baker, Birge, Braman, Edman, Fowler, Hodder, Jacobs, Martha, Schaeffer, Stevens, Straus, Williams, Winslow—11.

Assemblymen—Andrews, Armstrong, Benedict, Birge, Bogart, Bradley, Brinkley, Brooks, Brown, Campbell, E. C., Carpenter, Clark, Cleary, Cook, Cohen, Culmann, Denney, Dick, Draper, Elmer, Douglass, Draper, Engle, Farnham, Fife, Finch, Foster, Gandy, Hart, Hartwell, Haskins, Hedges, Holley, Hunt, Jackson, McLean, Morgan, M. C., Murphy, Newell, Newell, Sibley, Nowlan, Patterson, Peck, Pinney, Pratt, Shanks, Shuey, Sheridan, Sisson, S. S., Stoddard, Thilemann, Turner, Trimble, W. H., Tuttle, Williams.

SAYS—Senators—Birdsell, Davenport, Hollister, Lyons, Lull, Lynde, Madden, McCarthy, Mills, Pitts, Robertson, Rockwell, Schroeder, Sessions, Wagner, Wendover, Weston, 12.

Assemblymen—Alvord, Baker, Beach, Benyon, Bissell, Binninger, Boardman, Bowen, Brooks, Brueggem, Carley, Cullen, Chamberlain, Chittenden, Collier, Conroy, Davis, Dickey, Donisthorpe, Dunning, Dyer, Fletcher, Evans, Everett, Fennet, Fish, Galtin, Gates, Goodman, Gorlison, Holmes, Holt, Huston, Jackson, Lester, Lewis, Lin, McArthur, Miller, J., Murphy, Palmer, Parker, Phillips, Pitts, Pitts, Pitts, Russell, Scott, Schild, Shoup, Skinner, Steele, Stillwell, Stead, Turek, R. M., Tuttle, Waring, S. E., Welles, D. A., Wells.

When the first ballot had been taken, a new question was brought to the attention of the Legislature. Mr. Potter, of Saratoga County, appropriately offered a resolution for the adjournment of the Joint Convention to the Town Hall of Saratoga, to meet there on and after Monday next—perhaps during the summer months. There was a shoulder of disarray among the Democratic members when the resolution was read, although Mr. Potter inferentially promised that the hotel rates should be low.

Senator Forster argued that a special law would have to be framed to permit of such a transfer of the Convention to Saratoga. Senator Mylne, a short, thick-set man, with an irascible temper, seemed to be angered by Mr. Potter's resolution. He said in a denunciatory manner: "It is useless to pass such a resolution, because before the end of this week we will have elected two United States Senators, and two good Republicans at that. I didn't care whether they are stalwarts or half-bred."

Mr. Huston in reply to Senator Forster said that the Legislature could certainly adjourn to Saratoga if a motion to do so was passed by the Senate.

Mr. Phillips, of Albany, said that the committee of the Executive Committee, and that Mr. Hall, chairman of the Investigating Committee, was not present, and therefore the report could not be adopted. George Bush said that if Mr. Huston was not given a chance to speak the State convention would not be adjourned.

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